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CHINA'S TREATY DEMANDS

Request For Return Of Ryukyu Islands

48 Per Cent Of Reparations

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
 China's final draft of the peace treaty for Japan calls for a "revision" of the Tanno (Heavenly Emperor) system and a formal demand for the "return" of the Ryukyu Islands to China, according to a Nanking dispatch in the usually reliable Chinese daily Shun Pao.
 The report, quoting unnamed authoritative sources, claimed that China will seek to "establish the Emperor's relation with the war" and seek a new title for the Japanese chief executive.

Bus Co. Employees Obdurate

Yesterday passed with no sign of any settlement of the bus strike on the island, which enters its seventh day today.

At a conference with the Press last evening the strikers reaffirmed their determination not to return to work until their demands were met in full.

The men walked out a week ago today when the Company refused their demand for a year's bonus upon retirement after ten years service, and also the right to retire after this period of employment.

Go Ahead Signal For Germany?

Frankfurt, Dec. 16.
 American observers predicted today that western Germany would begin to take shape as an interim state, union or confederation almost immediately as a result of the collapse of the Big Four talks in London.

German political leaders of the economically-merged British and American zones already are prepared for such a development and are expected to take initiative in trying to bring it about.

The groundwork will be laid at a meeting of representatives of western Germany's two major parties—the right wing Christian Social Union and the left wing Social Democrats—who assembled here today to draft definite proposals for the formation of a government.

"In the face of the results of the London conferences," said one prominent member of the Christian Democratic Party, "we must now go ahead. We can do nothing else. Western Germany's economic crisis—her future as a vital part of western Europe—demands that we unite western Germany."

Observers believe the Germans will be given the go-ahead to organize the bi-zonal economic council on a political basis.

German quarters predict that the ministers-president of the eight states in the British-American area then will offer a plan for the creation of a unified western Germany with a limited central government serving the states' rights.

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AGREEMENT ON YANGTZE?

Nanking, Dec. 16.
 The British Embassy spokesman said today he had no information on reports that China and Britain had already concluded an agreement to open Yangtze River ports to British shipping.—United Press.

No Wonder He Tried Suicide!

St. Paul, Dec. 16.
 A middle-aged Chicagoan, who boasted he has 55 wives, tried to commit suicide in a Federal Court cell with poison he had concealed in the heel of his shoe.
 He is John Hurley, 44, on trial on charges of swindling Mrs. Barbara Kibler, a St. Paul widow, of \$9,000 in cash and property.
 Six other women accused Hurley in money matters, and the Federal authorities said several others claimed he married them to obtain money.
 Shortly before his poison attempt newsmen asked Hurley about his wives. He smiled broadly and replied: "Wives? I have 55 of them."
 He was taken to hospital where attendants said his condition from poison was serious. However, he was expected to recover.—United Press.

CATHOLIC BISHOP MURDERED

Nanking, Dec. 16.
 A Chinese Catholic bishop named Kung Chao-ming was brutally murdered when Communists raided the Catholic church in Sin-chiang in southwest Shansi province early this month.

At the same time, the Red raiders took away with them three other priests, including one of Dutch nationality and 21 Chinese and foreign nuns, of whom nothing has been heard since.

Bishop Kung's body, covered with wounds, was discovered outside the wall. His head had been decapitated. The report said that some of the Chinese Christians who attempted to save the Bishop was also murdered.

In Wensai, city in south Shansi, a Dutch Father was stoned to death and then decapitated.—Reuter-AAP.

PEACE LIKELY IN INDO-CHINA

Peace is expected shortly in Viet Nam (French Indo-China) where the French and Viet Namese have been fighting for almost three years, according to reliable information received by the "China Mail" late last night.

The former Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, it was learned, is leaving Hong Kong in a few days to Paris to complete agreements with the French Government for the complete unification and independence of Cochinchina, Annam and Tonkin.

Despite the refusal by Mr. Lun Due Trung (Bao Dai's accredited spokesman) last night to comment on the ex-Emperor's impending departure, the "China Mail" learned from reliable foreign quarters that he yesterday went through the usual formalities for obtaining a passport and visa for France.

It is learned that the French Government has agreed to recognize the authority of the ex-Emperor and the unification and independence of Viet Nam. The March 8 Agreement (1946) between the French and Dr. Ho Chi Minh, it is understood, will be automatically nullified.

General Nguyen Van Xuan, President of the Cochinchina Provisional Government, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong by special plane today from Saigon to put his services at the disposal of the former Emperor.

The Viet Nam General will be accompanied by an aide de camp, his private secretary, Nahtem Huu Tri, arrived in Hong Kong last week.

Dominion's Ban Raised

Sydney, Dec. 16.
 New Zealand has lifted the ban imposed since 1928 on Chinese seeking permanent domicile in the country.

Chinese under the following categories have been permitted to become permanent residents: families and children of overseas Chinese who entered New Zealand as refugees during the war, students who have studied in New Zealand over five years and businessmen who have been employed over five years.

As a result of the modification of immigration restrictions, more than 1,000 overseas Chinese are now qualified to become permanent residents.—Central News.

Below Zero In Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 16.
 Nanking today is shivering in the first snowfall of winter. The mercury dropped to a new low of one degree (Cent) below zero.

The Central Weather Bureau predicted that rain and snow would continue today with slightly better weather tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS

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POW Staffs' Trials

Yokohama, Dec. 16.
 Trials of Japanese accused of war atrocities against Allied POW's will go into their third year here on Wednesday as cases against 430 defendants already finished, 38 ending in death sentences.

There were 19 acquittals and one suspended sentence. Sentences imposed were hanging 33, life imprisonment 26, 30 years or over 40 years or over 14, 30 years or over 20 years or over 60, 10 years or over 93, one year or over 152, six months or over 19 and suspended sentence one.

These were tried in 197 cases. Defendants were divided into 112 officers, 90 non-coms, 49 privates, 155 civilians employed by the armed forces and 46 civilians such as guards employed by private companies using prisoners.—Associated Press.

EXILE SIAM GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG?

Nanking, Dec. 16.
 Nat Sanguan Tularak, Siamese Ambassador to China, said today that talks for formation of an exiled Siamese Government are proceeding in Hong Kong and admitted that Luang Arthakiet Kamchorn, Foreign Minister of the Luang Thamrong Cabinet, has already escaped safely to Hong Kong on his way to the United States.

The Ambassador said that the "Luang Thamrong Government" is still existing in Siam and that he had received instructions from his Government asking him to continue his work in China.—Central News.

Van Heutsz Tries It Again

The 4,500-ton Dutch liner "Van Heutsz" resumed her voyage to Swatow and Amoy yesterday afternoon, taking this time seven special Police guards supplied by the Hong Kong Police authorities.

The vessel, pirated by some 25 men on Sunday when she was about 80 miles from Hong Kong, was visited again by Police detectives yesterday morning. Many of the passengers were questioned.

The "China Mail" learned last night that Mr. Tan Kit Cheung, one of the six passengers kidnapped, is the son of Mr. Tan Kah Kee, Singapore rubber "King".

Another, Mr. Pak Ki Po, is the Chief Manager of the Swatow Municipal Bank.

No news of the six hostages was available in Hong Kong last night.

The Naval authorities said yesterday that no arrangements have been made for providing naval patrols in the Bias Bay vicinity as was the practice in pre-war days.

K.M.T. VETERAN DEAD

Nanking, Dec. 16.
 Chang Chi, Kuomintang elder statesman, aged 66, and member of the Chinese State Council, died of a heart attack at his home a few hours after participating in the party's Central Committee meeting today.

Mr. Chang, a graduate of Japan's Waseda University, met Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Japan where he became one of Dr. Sun's earliest supporters.

The Kuomintang has appointed a special committee to supervise a state funeral.—Associated Press.

Jewish Pipe Line Cut By Arabs

Jerusalem, Dec. 16.
 Arab marauding bands operating in "military-like formations" have smashed a vital water pipeline through the desert to 14 Jewish settlements in arid Negev which the Jews have colonized.

Squads of Hagana men rushed out in desperate haste to fix at least five punctures in the long pipeline which horsehoes through the settlements so laboriously planted by the Jewish pioneers.

If their water supply is cut off the settlements may face real trouble. The areas around them are largely Arab.

Fearful of their position Jews working through Hagana, are reported to have started putting up "security houses" which are virtual fortresses supplied with 60 days of food, water, arms and ammunition to withstand any Arab siege.

Weekly Hagana convoys have been organized to replenish Negev.

Hagana HQ at the all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv reported today that a Hagana force had surrounded a "bandit" and Arab "Yarkon" five miles north of Be'er Sheva, and that it pitched battle with the bandits.

KOWLOON CITY CASE

Order For Eviction Granted By Court

The first shot in the "Battle of Kowloon Walled City" was fired by Mr. S. A. Fowler, Land Bailiff, in the Kowloon Court yesterday when he successfully applied before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr for an order for the forcible eviction of the 70 owners and/or occupiers of sheds illegally erected on Crown Land; for the demolition of the structures, and for the removal of the material.

As they publicly announced when the summonses were served on Dec. 11, none of the 70 persons summonsed entered an appearance in Court. Despite the "storm" raised by the Chinese Press in Nanking and Canton over the "Kowloon Evictions," there was not a single spectator when the summonses were called by the Court usher.

The local Chinese Press, including the "Central News Agency," was present in full force, and took a profound interest in the proceedings.

In making the application under Section 9 of Ordinance 40 of 1932, Mr. Fowler said:

"The 70 summonses are for occupying Crown Land at Kowloon City, referred to as the Old Walled City, and are made up as follows:—

"45 summonses are against the owners, the names of which are supplied by the occupants, where the owners were not in occupation themselves.

"One was not served as defendant was not known at that address.

"24 summonses are against the occupants of the structures, in some cases with the owners, and others, where the owner of the structure could not be traced, on the occupants alone.

"Notices informing the occupants that the area was Crown Land were either personally served or posted on Nov. 24—40 each and every shed—giving 14 days' notice to clear the area, failing which it would be removed by Government.

"On Dec. 11, date of expiration of these notices, no effort was made to clear, and as the notices quoted the Summary Offences Ordinance (40 of 1932) summonses were taken out instead of the usual procedure of demolition.

"At 5 p.m. on Dec. 11, I went with a Sergeant and two constables and served the summonses on all defendants, with the exception of one.

"From the health and fire point of view these sheds cannot remain, and I ask Your Worship for an order, under Sub-section 9 of the Ordinance, authorizing (a) forcible eviction, (b) demolition, and (c) removal of the material."

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Fowler said that most of the sheds were new. Some of them were "quite elaborate affairs," while a few have been

sub-let and about \$2,000 per month is collected by way of rent from the sub-tenants.

Replying to another question, Mr. Fowler declared that none of the owners or occupiers had a permit from the Government. He agreed with the Magistrate that "they were, in fact, squatters."

Alternative Site

Continuing, Mr. Fowler said that he had been authorized to state that "if these people are genuinely desirous of obtaining a place to live, Government will favourably receive applications, through the Relief Section (Medical Headquarters), for a site at Tsai Tai Mui (Quarry Bay Refugee Camp) or to Crown Land Office, Public Works Department, to lease a piece of Crown Land on a temporary permit to erect a structure for domestic purposes, the plans for which must be submitted through an authorized architect and comply with the Building Ordinance."

Mr. Fowler went on to reveal that not all the occupants are residents of the Walled City. Many of them are employed in factories in Kowloon City and moved into the Walled City for convenience.

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CONTROL BODY ON THE JOB

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
 The newly established Finance Control Bureau today ordered police investigation into four banks, all-mercantile and exchange banks suspected of handling black market transactions. This was the first "expedition" undertaken by the bureau.

Meanwhile the black market U.S. dollar was quoted at CNS143,000 in isolated transactions.—United Press.

Seeking Amicable Solution

Shortly after his return from Nanking via Shanghai by plane yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi, the Foreign Affairs Ministry, made a statement on the Kowloon City issue.

Mr. Kwok stated that he would follow the instructions of the Chinese Government to seek an amicable solution over the Kowloon City issue.

Mr. Kwok stated that legal aspects and practical problems arising from the situation should be left to British and Chinese authorities to seek a reasonable settlement.—Central News.

ANGLO-P.I. TALKS ON AIR

Manila, Dec. 16.
 Representatives of the British and Philippine Governments are reported to have concluded preliminary talks for the conclusion of a civil aviation agreement between the two countries. Details are not available.—Central News.

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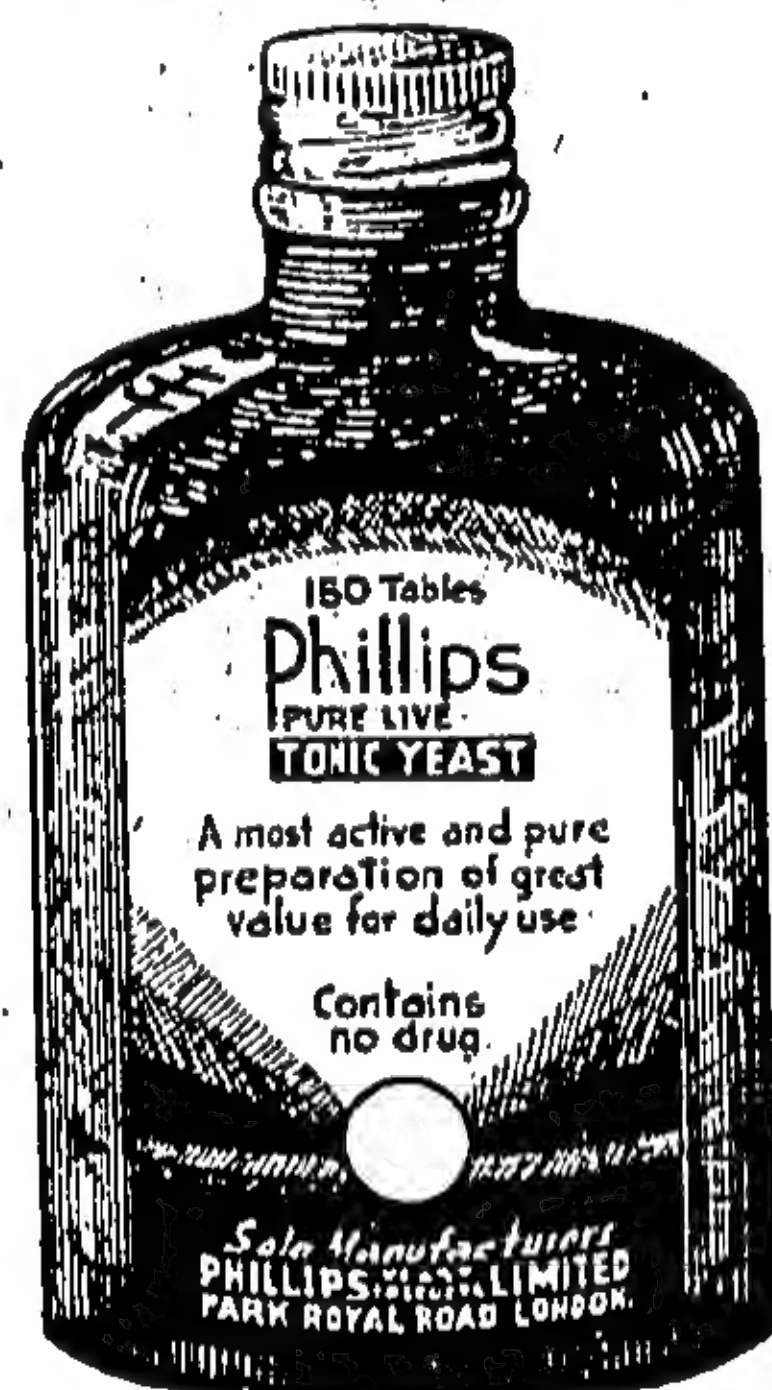
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DENIALS IN ALLEN CASE

Accused Refute Conspiracy Charges

Organised Gang Of Scallywags

Closing Speeches Start To-Day

Both Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong, who are standing trial with William Elphinstone Allen, before Mr. Justice Williams (Chief Justice) at the Criminal Sessions on charges of alleged conspiracy to obtain bribes and accepting and agreeing to accept bribes, yesterday denied that they conspired with Allen to obtain bribes from stallholders or that they collected or received bribes.

The case for the defence having closed, a start on the delivery of the closing addresses will be made this afternoon.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F.F.W. Shaflin, Senior Supt. of Police and Det. Insp. J. Johnston, is conducting the case for the Crown.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quin, of Messrs. Brutton & Co., is appearing for Allen. Man Kam-fat is represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, C. Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P.J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist.

Chui Hong is represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

Continuing with his testimony, Man Kam-fat said that in February 1942, he refused to lend Keung Hing-pun the sum of M.Y.50 when the latter approached him for a loan. Man denied that he met Ip Chai either at the Yat Cheong Cafe or the Boston Cafe as alleged.

He further denied that he collected money from the stallholders in Mongkok Market on behalf of Allen or that he arranged with Man Kau-chun to make the necessary collections. Man maintained that he knew nothing about any alleged payment by the stallholders in Mongkok Market to Man Kau-chun or Allen.

Did Not Speak

After the occupation, the markets were re-opened (in January 1942) on the instructions of the Japanese and one Tong Ching-kan was appointed Superintendent of all markets in Kowloon.

Man said he was appointed as representative of the beef, pork, fish, poultry and vegetable businesses. The Japanese had allotted three lorries for the use of these businesses.

In February 1942, Ip Shun-chai applied to him for one of these lorries for use by fishmongers.

Man said that he told Ip at the time that the allotment of lorries was a matter for decision by Tong. He further told Ip that he would see Tong and do his best to secure a lorry was unsuccessful in his efforts. When he reported the result to Ip, the latter appeared to be very angry.

Man said that before his failure to obtain a lorry for the fishmongers, their relations were friendly. After he failed to obtain a lorry, they did not speak to him when they met.

Man claimed that at the Sun Sun Cafe and the Yee Lo Club he was urged by Det. Sgt. Lu Mok to be a witness in this case. He told Det. Sgt. Lu Mok that he knew nothing about the matter. Man also said that he was asked by Det. Insp. Johnston to be a witness.

Person Of Means

Man asserted that he was a person of means and did not find it difficult to make a living. He had not received a single cent from Allen, directly or indirectly. He had never given any money to Allen. He denied having told Det. Sgt. Lu Mok that Allen had borrowed \$400 from him and promised to repay it in three instalments, but had failed to do so.

Gross-examination, Man agreed that the presence of unlicensed hawkers in the presence of markets affected his business. As Chairman of the Beef Dealers Guild, he did not submit a petition to the Urban Council on the subject because the majority of members were against the submission of a petition.

When he approached Allen regarding the two pigs of Fan Ping, he mentioned that the latter was his dog because he wanted "Allen" (who was his friend) to take pity on him. Man said he had no stall in the market, but he had never read the market by-laws.

Chui Hong, wife of Man Kam-fat, said that Fan Ping was formerly employed by her husband in one of his market stalls. Chui said that Fan was dismissed because of alleged improper relations with a female street vendor, Wang Chui.

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SIR VICTOR SASSOON'S DONATIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 16. In response to Mayor K. C. Wu's campaign to raise winter relief funds to aid 300,000 needy people in Shanghai, Sir Victor Sassoon, prominent British with considerable interests here, made a special donation of CN\$25,000 to the fund sponsored by the Mayor and foreign film distributors, according to a Municipal Council announcement.

Sir Victor on Monday donated HK\$25,000 to the Colony's War Memorial Fund.

Personalia

The wedding of Mr. Neville Fothergill Nicholson, merchant, living at the Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Katie Chu of 5 Ning Yuen Terrace, Bonham Road, took place in the Supreme Court Registry yesterday, in the presence of Mr. C.G. Gray and Mrs. Elsie Doo.

The Sino-British Club will meet today at 3.30 p.m. in the Penang Club room, Supreme Court, to discuss the possibilities of the Cinema Club in Hong Kong. A talk will be given by Col. Brazier-Creagh and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. B.W.N. Boustead, Miss W.A. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Penre, Miss M. Dunne, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Clark, N.N. Nyberg, Mr. and Mrs. N.C. MacGregor, Mrs. H. Darling, D. Bogle and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bathurst.

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Denials

Chui said that he inspected a fan and told Allen that it was satisfactory and that the price of \$370 was reasonable. The next day, he was asked by Allen to take a ceiling fan to the latter's home in the meat van.

Chui said that he did not know that Li Ping had purchased a fan for Allen. He denied that he knew anything about the table fan. He further denied that he received the bill for this table fan from Yuen Ming so that he could take delivery.

Answering questions under cross-examination, Chui denied having been to fish stalls. When he went to Ip Chai's stall, he was asked to do so by Allen. He was never asked by Allen to go to any other fish stall.

He denied going to the Yat Cheong Cafe with Ip Chai. He did not know if Ip Chai, Fan Hon, Keung Hing-pun, Wong Kwai, Kong Tok and Tse Fook had any grudge against him. Their allegations of having paid money to him were untrue.

Chui also denied that he told Kwok Tai-nam to look to Li Ping for payment of the ceiling fan. He had never heard that Yuen Ming paid for table fan. He did not know Yuen Ming.

Hearing will be continued at 10 a.m. today. The jury have been requested to return at 2.30 p.m. as the morning's session will be taken up with legal argument as to the right of the Crown to recall certain witnesses for the purposes of rebuttal.

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BILL TO CONTROL BANKS

An Ordinance to provide authority for controlling banks in Hong Kong will be introduced to the Legislative Council today and read for the first time.

As reported exclusively in the "Sunday Herald" on Dec. 7, the Ordinance has been drafted mainly to protect the general public and the Colony's economy.

In recent months there has been a large increase in the number of persons or organisations in Hong Kong doing business of the nature of banking. Among these, according to an official explanation, are "banks" having inadequate capital or which conduct banking business which is of no value to the Colony—they are engaged in speculation or in the infringement of trade or exchange controls.

The Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and licensing of the business of banking," empowers the Governor, in Council, to appoint an advisory committee to advise him on matters relating to banking business.

It also empowers the Governor in Council, if he considers it to be in the public interest, to license a bank to carry on banking business and return its licence for cancellation.

The proposed legislation requires every licensed bank to exhibit and publish its last audited Balance Sheet and precludes any person who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for an offence involving dishonesty or who has been a director or otherwise concerned in the management of a bank which has been wound up by a court, from acting as a director or being otherwise concerned in the management of a licensed bank.

It also provides powers of entry, search, detention of documents and arrest, under warrant of magistrate, where contravention of the Ordinance reasonably suspected; and for general penalties for contravention or attempted contravention of the Ordinance upon summary conviction on indictment.

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Defendant, said Det. Wall, entered the house by the back yard and broke the door open. Miss Harvey, who was alone, quickly seized the burglar by the neck and held him until he was taken to the police station.

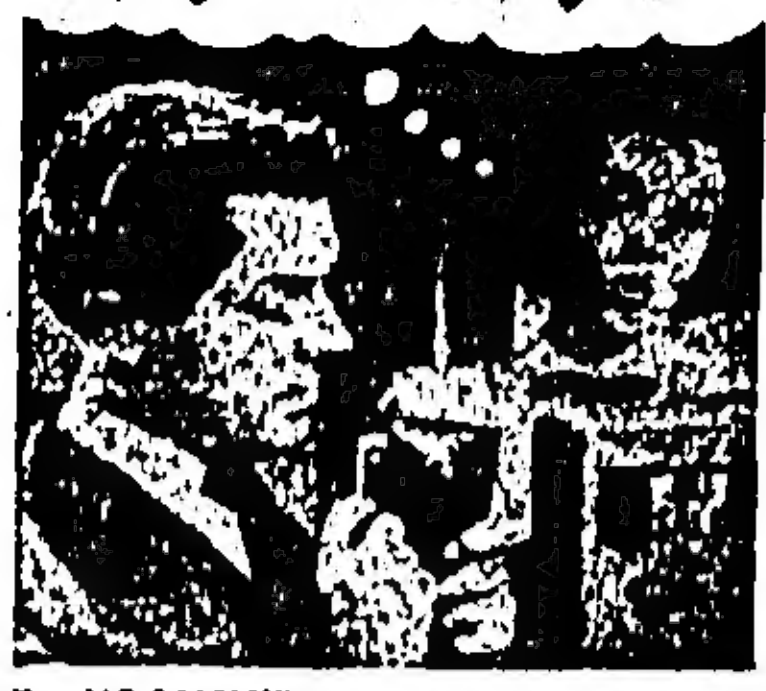
A screw-driver was picked up in the veranda outside the burglar's room, concluded the prosecuting officer.

Asked what he had to say, defendant said that he had been in Hong Kong for less than a month. "Well," said the Magistrate, "you will be in Hong Kong for two years now." Defendant was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

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A shoe shine boy, aged about 16, was killed instantly about 6.30 p.m. yesterday when he was knocked down by motor lorry 5769 opposite 22 Wing Lok Street. The lorry was travelling from East to West.

In another traffic accident which occurred at about 11 a.m., a 18-year-old student named Ho Shui-kwong was knocked down by a private motor car in Waterloo Road, Homumun, causing head injuries which necessitated his admission to Kowloon Hospital.

"SUMIRE" SUNK BY GUNS OF PACIFIC FLEET UNITS

Practice Shell Only Used

The ex-Japanese destroyer "Sumire" was sunk by gun fire by units of the British Pacific Fleet at 9.45 p.m. on Monday, it was announced yesterday.

The "Sumire" was a destroyer of 1,350 tons displacement which formed part of the British share of reparations from the Japanese Navy. In view of the condition of her hull she was not in a fit state to be steamed to Great Britain for scrapping. Most of her equipment was therefore removed from the ship at Hong Kong and she was loaded with some 400 tons of redundant and unserviceable ammunition for disposal by dumping in deep water.

On Sunday she was towed out of the Harbour by H.M.S. "Constance" to a position about 60 miles south of Hong Kong. At 7.30 a.m. on Monday "Sussex" of London, "Concord" of London, "Comus" and "Alcidity" left harbour under the command of Rear Admiral R.D. Oliver, C.B.E., D.S.O., Flag Officer Commanding 5th Cruiser Squadron.

H.K.V.D.C. Men Board
Among 70 officers and nearly 200 other ranks of the Army, Royal Air Force and Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps who embarked in the ships on Sunday evening to witness the firings were Major General G. W. E. J. Erling, C.B.E., D.S.O., and General C. H. Girdner, C.B.E., who is on a visit to Hong Kong. These officers were the guests of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, in H.M.S. "London."

The firings were carried out with the object of giving experience to the gunnery control teams of the ships in firing at a ship target by day and by night. In order that the "Sumire" should survive until night fall, practice shell (which contains no high explosive) was used throughout.

Coloured Splashes
Individual firings were carried out by "Concord," "Comus," "Alcidity" by day, followed by

pair-ship firing by "Concord" and "Alcidity" and by H.M.S. "London" and H.M.S. "Sussex." In the pair-ship firings, the fall of shot from individual ships was identified by the use of a device in the nose of the projectile which produced coloured splashes. The day firings were carried out at midday and long range up to 20,000 yards. The "Sumire" suffered some superficial damage, the realism of which was accentuated by the fact that some smoke floats were ignited by a hit by H.M.S. "Alcidity," causing the target to be hidden by an involuntary smoke screen.

After the day firings, Force "Y" (the unit which the firing ships formed) retired from the vicinity of the target until after dark. Two short simultaneous night firings by all ships in Force "Y" were then carried out, during which the target was repeatedly seen to be hit. Although practice shell was still being used the hits threw up showers of sparks which were visible from the firing ships.

On Fire
The "Sumire" was badly damaged and on fire forward, and sank about three quarters of an hour after the end of the second night firing. H.M.S. "Sussex" then proceeded to Shanghai, where she will be during the Christmas period, and the remainder of Force "Y" returned to Hong Kong.

Valuable experience was gained during these firings, particularly by many of the younger officers and ratings who had not had war experience of action.

Stowaways In Court

The 19 stowaways, who were taken off the s.s. "Tjisadane" on Sunday appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

One of them, with a previous conviction, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the remainder to three months' hard labour. All were ordered to be expelled. Inspector J. Orem said that the men were stowaways on the s.s. "Bolsevin" and were discovered when the ship arrived in Manila Bay. They were kept in Manila for two days, and then sent back to Hong Kong by the "Tjisadane" which arrived in port on Sunday.

Someone Drop A Brick?

The hundreds of pedestrians in Des Voeux Road, yesterday morning never suspected the danger looming ahead on the fourth floor of the National Commercial Savings Bank Building, at the junction of Des Voeux Road and Ice House Street.

Tung Chung, a radio engineer, however, knew of it, but too late—a brick from repair works on the fourth floor dropped out of the "danger area" and caused a gaping wound on his left forehead.

Tung, who was on his way home to Happy Valley after inspecting a radio at the Acme Company, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Risked His Own Life

Another "risking his own life" case (a sequel to the one heard by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon on Dec. 10) was heard by the same Magistrate yesterday, when Chan, a Chinaman alias Chan Tse, 21, travelling under 88 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, was charged with counselling and procuring Chan Cheung and Wu Shui-hei to pass him two packages, containing four radios, while he was on an Express train, on Dec. 9.

Det. Sub-Insps. C. Cope said that about a week ago two Chinese, Chan Cheung and Wu Shui-hei, were charged with trespassing on the permanent way, and with doing an act likely to endanger the lives of passengers by passing two radio sets to a passenger on an Express train. The two were arrested by Det. Sgt. Chan Lap and his men at Hung Hom. They claimed that they were employed by the man on the train and were paid \$5 each for the job.

Defendant was arrested on his return from Canton, said Det. Sgt. Cope, and admitted being the owner of the four sets, two in the possession of each coolee. In a statement in Court, accused said that he did not endanger his own life as he used a hook to "fish" for the sets left on the permanent way by the coolees. He did not want to declare the sets at the Tsimshui Customs because the valuation there was considerably higher than that at Shumchun. Furthermore, where in Tsimshui had to pay the duty in Hong Kong dollars, in Shumchun he would pay in Chinese dollars at the official rate of exchange.

He did not tell the two men where to place the radios. His only arrangement was that they place them somewhere along the line and he would "fish" for them as soon as his train passed. Det. Sgt. Cope pointed out that the two coolees stated that they were told to go to the Hung Hom bridge by defendant who promised them \$5 each. Defendant claimed he paid them \$10 per man. In imposing a fine of \$250, the Magistrate told accused: "You must not do a funny thing like that." The radios were ordered to be returned to Chan.

Kwangtung Official In Court

Appearing on remand before Mr. K. X. d'Aima at Central Magistracy yesterday, Leung Kwong-wo, 32, Director of the Civil Affairs Bureau, Luk Fung District, Kwangtung, was fined \$45 for possession of a .38 revolver and 11 rounds of ammunition without a permit. Leung was arrested by a Revenue Officer on Dec. 9 as he was about to board the s.s. "Wusueh" for Canton. He explained that he was taking his family back to the country and was only passing through. It was the first time he had been to Hong Kong, and he was not aware of the law prohibiting the carrying of arms. Inspector Cushman, prosecuting, said the Police were satisfied with Leung's character and official position, said a nominal fine would meet the case. The revolver and ammunition were ordered to be detained by the Police pending a permit being taken out by Leung.



Mrs. Edris Connell, C.B.E. (ninette de valois) director of ballet at Sadler's Wells, London, kneeling to receive the honorary degree of doctor of music, from the Chancellor, the Earl of Athlone, at the University of London. (A.P. Photo.)

Magistrate On Traffic Accidents

Kong Man-tang, 25, driver of lorry 5289, whose vehicle overturned at Customs Pass on Monday afternoon, killing his brother (Kong Man-yau, 18) and cousin (Kong Man-chi, 38), was fined \$1,000 (or six months' hard labour) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The Magistrate also recommended that defendant's licence be suspended for a year. "We have got to deal heavily with these traffic accidents. Drivers have got to learn that they have a powerful lethal weapon in their motor vehicles, and that it is up to them to take all necessary care and precaution," said Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Traffic Sub-Inspector G. F. Ward said that the lorry was returning from Hang Hau at 1 p.m. with a load of hay, on Monday. Near the Wai Kee Dairy at Customs Pass Hill, on the Sai Kung Road, accused applied the brakes, with little effect, when about to round a sharp bend.

The vehicle was in second gear and going at a rather fast speed, and was swaying from side to side. The lorry kept on swaying and, at the next bend, overturned on its side, skidding 50 feet before coming to a stop. The two deceased men were pinned under it.

Defendant himself escaped with slight injuries to his back and left foot, said TSI Watt. Although accused said that the brakes were ineffective, a test proved that they were in sound order and condition.

The Annual Speech Day of Queen's College will be held on January 10 next at 10 a.m. The scholarship and prizes will be distributed by Mr. Richard Lee.



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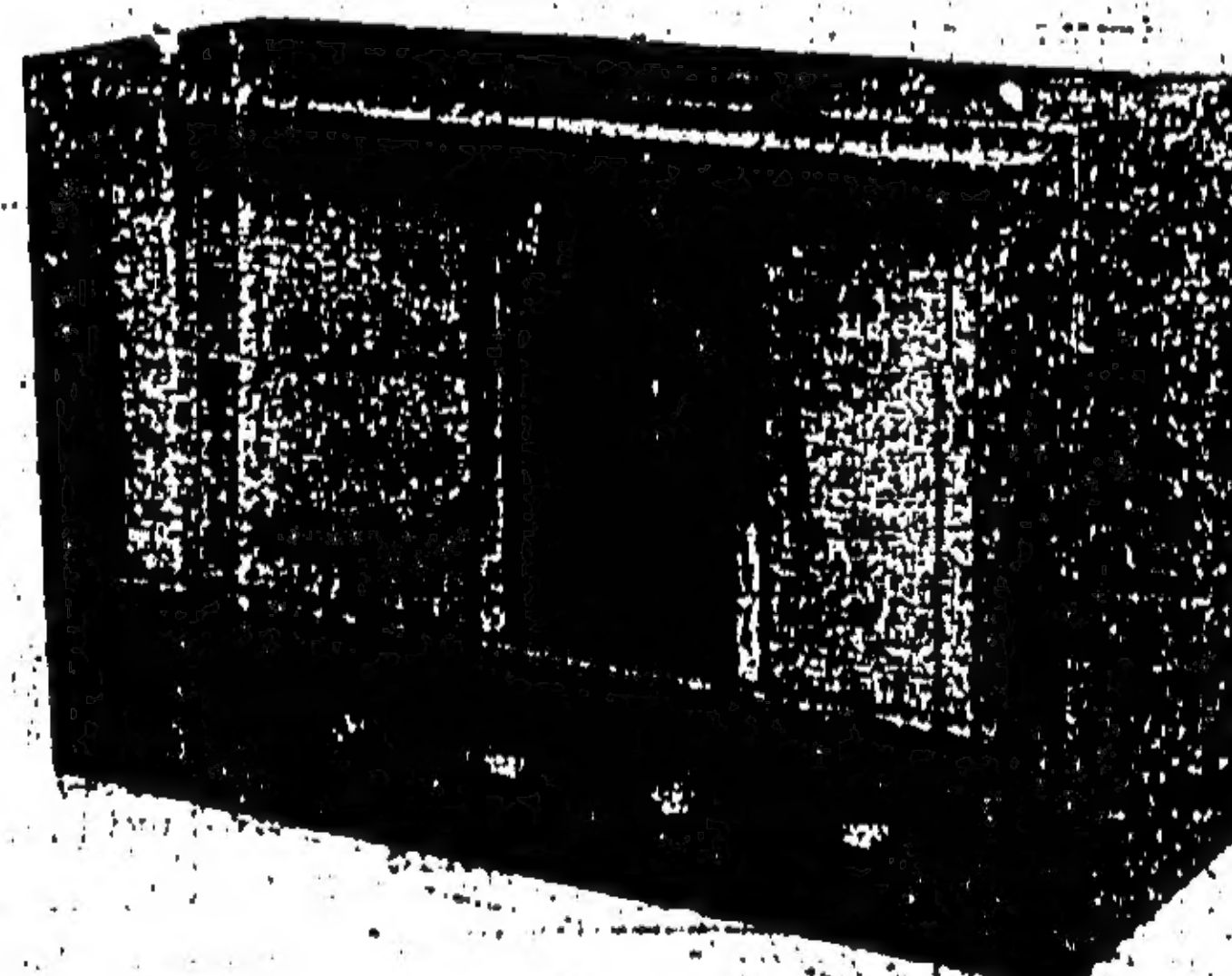
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Will all Hong Kong ladies who have volunteered to sell flags on Saturday, 20th December, please collect their tins, trays and flags from the War Memorial Fund Room, 1st floor, Supreme Court, (entrance from Statue Square side), between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, 19th December.

Kowloon sellers should collect from the lobby of the Peninsula Hotel between the same hours on the same day.

NOTICE

Maryknoll Former Students Association

All former students who have not yet registered their names and addresses with the secretary are requested to send same for registration to the

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R. W. H. MAYNARD, Secretary, Urban Council.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1947.

URBAN COUNCIL

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Harbour Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1947.

Big Four Adjourn Indefinitely

London, Dec. 15.

The Council of Foreign Ministers tonight adjourned indefinitely. The decision came after their longest session of the present Conference. The Foreign Ministers' deputies, however, will meet tomorrow.

Mr. George Marshall (United States) proposed the adjournment at the end of today's meeting. This was generally believed to have been the "show-down" session after last Friday's bitter discussions over German reparations.

M.V. Molotov (Russia) had put forward new Russian proposals for solving the problem of the Austrian peace treaty. Russia would take two-thirds of the oil production of the territory of eastern Austria instead of 90 per cent now claimed as German asset.

He also proposed that the Council of Foreign Ministers should hear the delegates from the "German People's Congress" in Berlin. This was not agreed by the other Ministers.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Ernest Bevin both made substantial statements during the meeting which lasted nearly one hour longer than usual.

The breakdown of the Conference came suddenly and dramatically with the proposal of Germany's future still unsolved and only half their agenda completed in 17 meetings.

History Their Witness

The conference founded on the rock of reparations, all the western powers opposing the Russian claim for payment from current German production.

When it became obvious to-night after the longest meeting that M. Molotov had no acceptable new proposals to make, Mr. Marshall proposed the adjournment.

"Russia alone refuses to agree," Mr. Marshall declared. "No useful purpose can, therefore, be served by continuing the conference."

Mr. Bevin, after a long review of the British stand, said: "History will be our witness... I now wonder whether the Council of Foreign Ministers will ever be able to settle the European and German problem."

High Price

After the western Ministers had turned down M. Molotov's request that a 17-man delegation from the Communist sponsored German People's Congress should be heard, Mr. Marshall brought the conference back to reparations.

He said: "We have reached quite evidently a fundamental difference regarding the question of reparations. M. Molotov's last statement seemed to be a repetition of the statements which we largely felt were without foundation."

"We have failed to reach an agreement on the treaty for Austria because the Soviet Union has demanded for itself properties and special privileges in Austria in amount and to the extent which far exceed any rightful claim and, if the Soviet claims were admitted, it would be at the price of Austria's independence."

After declaring that a large part of the products of eastern Germany was drawn off for German account, Mr. Marshall added that the Soviet Union's demands for reparations for itself and Poland were utterly impossible of achievement on practical economic grounds. It was clear that an agreement could only be reached under conditions which would not only enslave the German people, but would seriously retard the recovery of all Europe.

Common Front

"It seems impossible at this time to make any practical progress," Mr. Marshall said. "I, therefore, reluctantly conclude that no useful purpose would be served by debate on other points on our agenda, and I suggest that Council of Foreign Ministers might now consider adjournment of this session."

M. Molotov said that it was clear that Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall were acting "according to one plan." Neither, he said, had followed the agenda and both had ignored the Soviet proposals.

He said that the French delegation had not disputed what the other two had said. It was apparent, M. Molotov said, that the three delegations had taken up a common front against reparations for the Soviet Union. On adjournment M. Molotov said: "This cannot be regarded except as a decision to act in the same unilateral manner as before." As the other three delegations were agreed on adjournment the Soviet delegation would also have to agree. But it was their own responsibility, Mr. Molotov said.

Bevin's Doubts
The Soviet Government cannot be spoken to in the same way as the present Greek Government.



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BRITISH REDS TO WAGE WAR? No Support For Production Drive Four-Point Plan For Future Action

London, Dec. 15.
Britain's Communist Party officially abandoned support for the Labour Government's production drive at an executive meeting last week-end.

The Executive called on Communists in the trade union movement who hold important positions in the mining, engineering and electrical industry to pursue the fight for improved wages and conditions without concessions to Government.

In an address to the Executive, the Party Secretary, Mr. Henry Pollitt, pointed out that under the Marshall plan, "production increases will not be utilised for the benefit of Britain or the people but will be subordinated to the general aims of American policy."

This, in the view of observers here, appear to bring the British Communists into line with the new industrial policy adopted by their French comrades since the establishment of the C-minform. Just as the French Communist leader, Maurice Thorez, publicly criticised his party's weaknesses in fighting the French Government and the "rightwing Socialists" at the end of October, so Mr. Pollitt now confessed that "we were late in appreciating the full scale of the drift to the right of the Labour Government and clung to old formulas and approaches after it had revealed itself the instrument of the imperialist camp."

While it had been "absolutely correct" for the party "to lead the fight for increased production" at the time, and they had reason to be proud of their record, it had now to be realised that "any tendency to separate the issue of production from the main issue of a change in policy necessarily can only result in trailing behind the Government's 'reactionary policy'." Mr. Pollitt said.

He made an exception for the Communist miners' leader, Mr. Arthur Horner, whose campaign fight for increased production had been successfully combined with the fight for improved wages and conditions. "As that no misunderstanding could arise."

The Secretary summed up his conclusions in a four-point programme of party action in future in which the production drive was no longer mentioned. Instead, emphasis was placed on: 1. Defence of working class standards of living by opposition to every further sacrifice. 2. Demands for wage increases to compensate for increased production.

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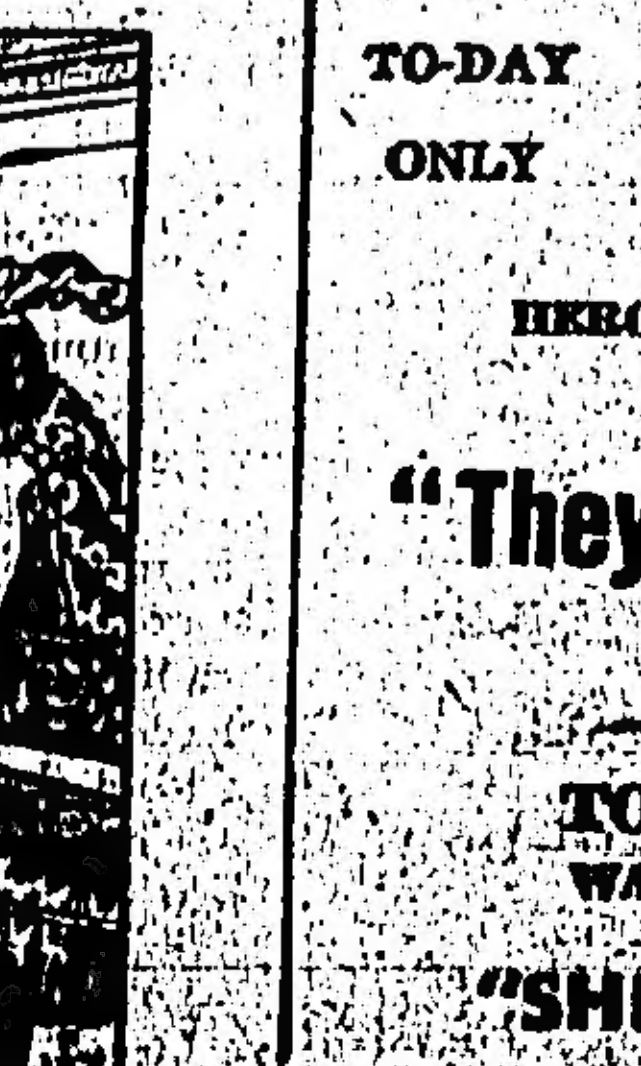
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Strikers In Chains?

Auckland, Dec. 15.
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The men allegedly struck when they were offered six shillings daily after they had asked for eight shillings and food.—United Press.

U.S. Navy To Lend Two Ships

Honolulu, Dec. 16.

Fully armed and equipped U.S. Navy vessels will be turned over to a foreign Government for the first time on Dec. 30 when two tank landing craft and one patrol craft go to the Philippine Republic's naval patrol.

Fast transfers have been made under restrictions calling for the disarmament of vessels and the removal of communication equipment.

In this case, however, the U.S. Navy will retain the title to the craft, while the Philippine Republic operates and maintains them at no further cost to the United States.—Associated Press.

Pre-Xmas Strike By 50,000 Workers?

Washington, Dec. 15.
A pre-Christmas strike of 50,000 United States telegraph workers was threatened today by leaders of three trade unions.

Minister Offers To Surrender

Bangkok, Dec. 15.
The Siamese former Minister for Industries, Mr. Thongin Bhuriphat, in whose house an arms store was recently discovered, has written from an undisclosed place to Mr. Khuang Aphaiwong, the Prime Minister, and to Marshal Pibul Songgram offering to surrender if allowed to contest the forthcoming elections.

Both the Government and the military power in the State have agreed to his request, it was revealed, and will speed the investigation.

The military authorities have meanwhile announced a large reward for information leading to the arrest of Mr. Tiang Sirikhand, former Assistant Minister of the Interior and member of the former Free Thai movement, in connection with the alleged plotting to overthrow the present Government.

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Pilots' Strike Settled

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

The pilot strike was settled today as striking pilots were transferred from the Shanghai Customs jurisdiction of the Ministry of Communications.

The licences of 22 pilots, which were revoked when they walked off their job, have been reissued by the Communications Ministry. The pilots have now formed an association which will handle all pilotage business and will be run by themselves under steering captain M. T. Wang, pilot representative of the Ministry of Communications.

While the pilots were striking in Shanghai, one of the largest ports in the world, ships were piloted by Chinese and Russian pilots used by the United States Navy when they opened the port at the close of the war. The only incident of the period was that one freighter was aground for hours without serious damage.—United Press.

Mystery Air Crash

SINGAPORE, DEC. 15.
AN AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE AN AVRO-ANSON, CRASHED INTO THE SEA OFF THE VILLAGE OF TANJONG HANTU IN THE DINDINGS, OFF THE WEST COAST OF MALAYA, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

There was no sign of survivors. The plane, which was apparently trying to make a forced landing on the beach, crashed only 80 yards from the shore and submerged.

The Civil Aviation authorities in Singapore said that they had no knowledge of any aircraft in the area in which the crash was reported but the Aviation Department was sending two experts to investigate.—Reuter.

SIAM RICE PROGRAMME

Washington, Dec. 16.
The UNO Food and Agriculture organisation is launching an attempt to stimulate rice production in Siam as part of its efforts to meet the world food shortages.

On the request of the Siamese Government, an international mission under the FAO's direction will go to Siam in January, hopeful of restoring the rice production there to pre-war levels which approximated 5,000,000 metric tons annually.—Associated Press.

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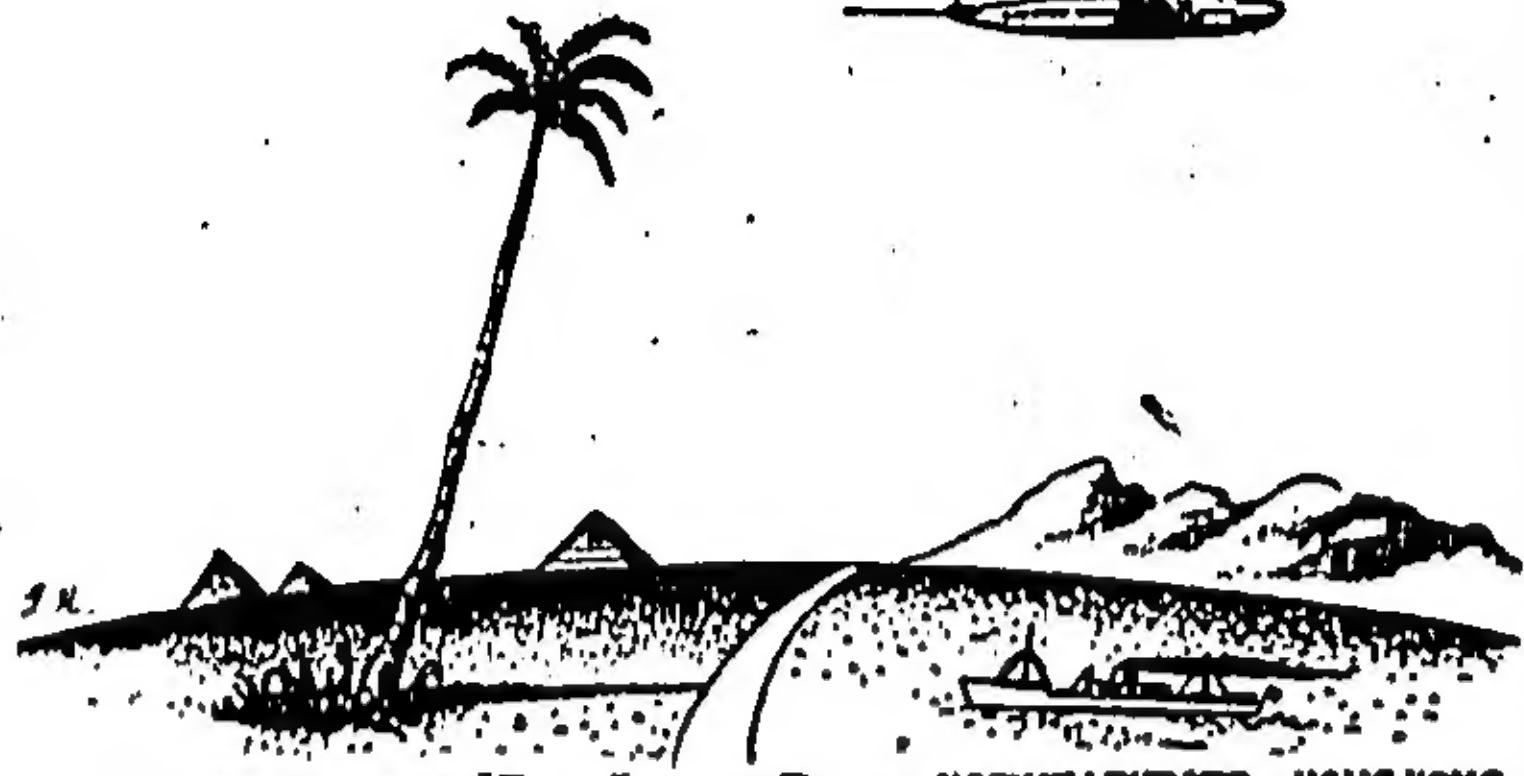
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U.S. Relief Bill Approved

Truman To Issue Message On Marshall Plan To Assist Europe

No Provision For Aid To China

Washington, Dec. 15. Congress today stamped its final approval on the US\$597,000,000 emergency foreign relief programme, clearing the decks for a message from President Truman later this week on the multi-billion dollar Marshall plan for long-range European economy.

The Senate and the House accepted without serious opposition the conference report compromising major differences between their separate bills authorizing emergency food and fuel assistance to France, Italy, Austria and China this winter.

The bill now goes to the President for his signature and Congress will adjourn on Friday for the holidays.

During the days of debate the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee (Senator Styles Bridges) asked Senator Arthur Vandenberg if his Committee should reopen its hearings to study an appropriation for China.

Senator Vandenberg replied that he thought not since "there is at present no available plan for the use of money in China under this act except as supplemental relief under the post-UNRRA relief bill."

He said he understood the House Appropriations Committee would not ask for funds under this act at this time but that authority for aid to China would be held over until a programme arrived from the State Department.

Out Of Harmony

"We have been out of harmony with the United States' official attitude toward China for some time and have repeatedly urged action in that regard," he said.

"We welcomed Mr. Marshall's suggestion that a plan for China was being drafted. I think that is a sound reason for postponing Congressional action until the plan arrives, but I also believe that since the House opened the door in identifying China as an essential beneficiary of United States attention, it would be

highly liable to misunderstanding if we slammed the door by deleting China."

Senator Tom Connally said the situation in China was bad and he argued that the countries contemplated under this bill were not similar. He claimed that the US\$48,000,000 available to China under the post-UNRRA bill was sufficient to tide the country over on relief needs until a long-range programme could be approved.

Bungled Policy

He added, "China and the United States have been friends since time immemorial and there is no tendency to shut her off from our assistance. I am sure the State Department plan will envisage and encompass all critical problems in that area."

Senator Bridges said he believed the government "for years has bungled policy in China" and he was "glad they are finally going to do something in an organized way."

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida protested that while "there has been an element of error in Chinese policy," he thought the hesitation was "because of feeling that the present Government is unworthy of our aid."

Senator Pepper added that he did not want to see the United States take sides in the present civil war in China because he thought one side as bad as the other.

Sole Hope

Senator Vandenberg said possibly the Government was corrupt but "China has been the sole hope for democracy in China for a long time in its courageous fight."

He then said, "I agree there should be progress toward liberalization of the Central Government in China, but to enforce a coalition is an impossible undertaking because Communists never enter a coalition with any other purpose than to destroy the government."

Senator Pepper said, "I do not want to see China turned into another Spain, with the world lining up on two sides of an internal war," and Senator Bridges retorted that that might be true, but "I don't want to see China turned into another satellite either."—United Press.

U.S. RICE FOR FAR EAST

Washington, Dec. 15. The Agriculture Department said today that it had purchased 30,190,000 pounds of American rice for Korea, China and the Dutch East Indies. It said the rice came from Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.—Associated Press.

Cripps' Analysis Tomorrow

London, Dec. 15. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, today outlined to the Cabinet the analysis he will give Parliament on Thursday of the projected £180,000,000 cuts in capital expenditure as part of Britain's economy drive.

Sir Stafford's speech will cover a wide field and will deal with such questions as the balance of payments and Britain's gold reserves.—Reuter.

Hearings To Consider China

Washington, Dec. 15. The Senate Appropriations Committee last night called hearings to consider China's needs.

Chairman Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, said that officials of the State Department and of the American-China Policy Association have been asked to testify on Wednesday morning on the needs of China for interim aid to March 31.

Although the House has not yet acted on its appropriations bill implementing foreign relief authorization, Bridge's group ended hearings on European countries last Friday.

"An inquiry into the State Department's policy in respect to relief for China will be made by the Appropriations Committee before further funds are voted for China," Bridges said in a statement. "An investigation also will be made of the present relief shipments to China to determine the amount of additional relief needed for the remainder of the year."

China has not been presented to Congress during the emergency session as a nation in need of immediate relief, nor has the State Department furnished any estimate of China's requirements, save for the tentative figure of US\$600,000,000, which was furnished by Secretary of State Marshall at an early House hearing.—Associated Press.

Demand For Barter Agreements

LONDON, DEC. 15. THE BRITISH UNION OF MANUFACTURERS TODAY CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE BILATERAL OR BARTER TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE MARKETS FOR BRITISH EXPORTERS.

The deputation of the organization which saw Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, drew his attention to the restrictions that were imposed on imports of British goods by many countries including Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

There was an almost complete embargo in India and Pakistan. Difficulties were also being experienced in the United States and South America, particularly Argentina and the Middle East. Egypt and Turkey were all reported difficult or impossible for a long list of widely varied goods.

The deputation stated that trade agreements would also assure British exporters of their supplies of raw materials.—Reuter.

Rumania Takes Over British Oil Companies

BUCHAREST, DEC. 15. THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY TOOK OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO LARGEST BRITISH-CONTROLLED OIL COMPANIES, ASTRA-RO-MANA AND UNIREA.

The Government decree announcing the move charged the British owners, Royal Dutch Shell and Phocis Oil and Transport, with "bad will, deficient production and theft of oil from Government's subsoil."

The decree, published in the official gazette, said: "An administrator of survey is appointed for each of the companies by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce."

Government quarters said the administrator would have final jurisdiction over any company policies.—United Press.

Campaign For Unity In Europe

Paris, Dec. 15. An International Committee for European Unity was formed in Paris this week-end to "coordinate and concert action in the international field" in a campaign for the cause of European unity.

The bodies represented were the United Europe Movement (Chairman, Mr. Winston Churchill), the French Council for a United Europe (Chairman, M. Edouard Herriot, former French Premier), the Independent League of European Cooperation (Chairman, M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Prime Minister) and the European Union of Federalists (Chairman, Dr. Henri Brugmans, Dutch Socialist deputy).

The British United Europe Movement was represented on the International Committee by Mr. Duncan Sandys, former Minister of Works, and son-in-law of Mr. Churchill, who becomes Chairman of the Executive, Lord Layton, the well-known Liberal and Chairman of the Liberal newspaper, the News Chronicle, and the Rev. Gordon Lang, Labour Member of Parliament.

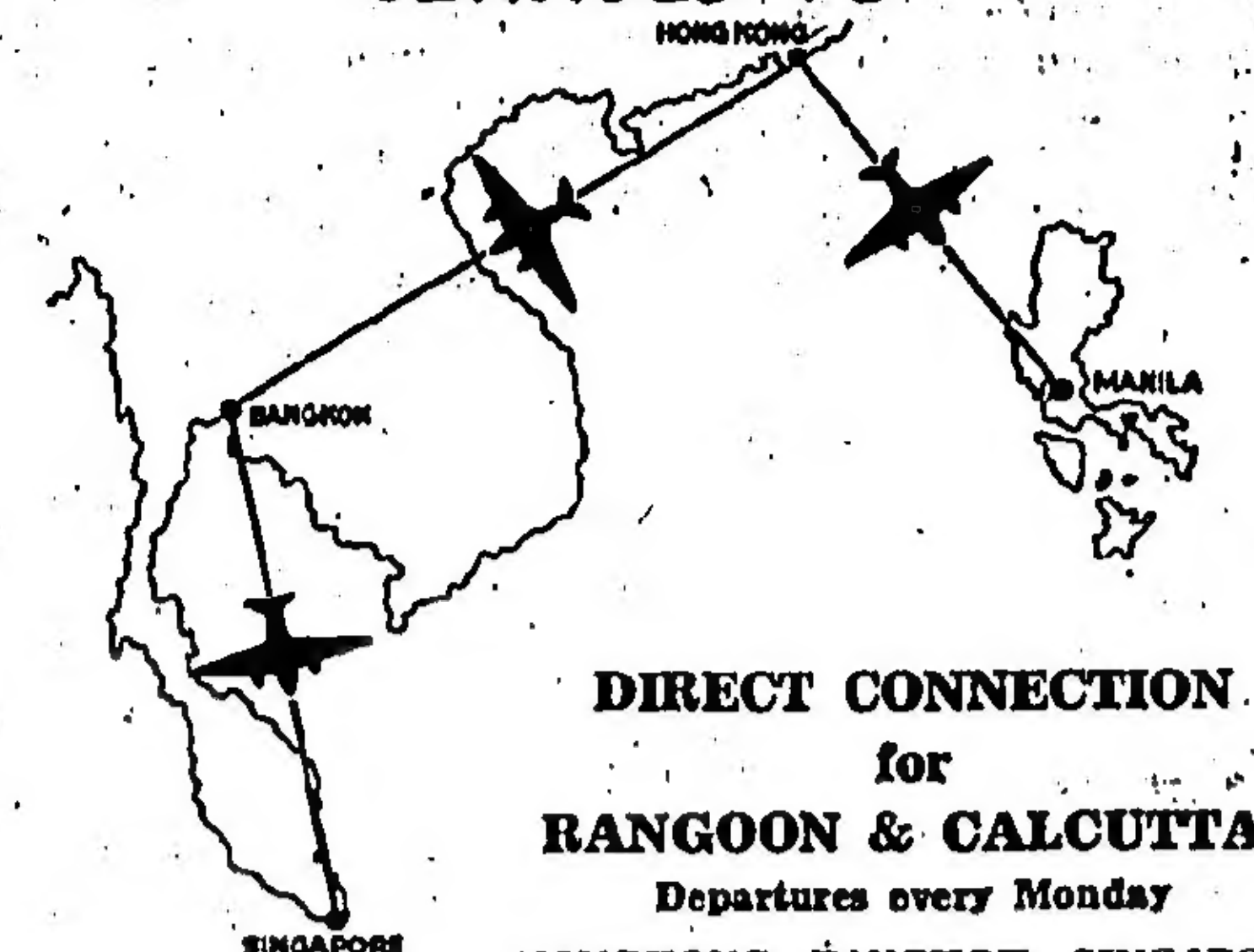
The other European Executive members are: For France, M. Paul Bastid, Radical deputy and former Minister of Commerce; for Belgium, M. Paul Van Zeeland; for The Netherlands, Dr. Henri Brugmans, the Dutch Socialist deputy and former Commissioner for Information.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 15.

The Saar Consultative Assembly today adopted unanimously, minus one Communist vote, all the clauses of the agreement with France under which the new constitution of the Saar territory comes into effect.—Reuter.

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Arabs in this photograph are seen burning goods taken from Jewish homes in Jerusalem after the buildings had been set on fire during demonstrations over the plan to partition Palestine. This picture was rushed to London by air and there put on another plane for Hong Kong. (APPhoto)

Radioactive Poison To Be Tested On Pacific Isle

Comet Still Visible

Wellington, Dec. 15. The Director of the Carter Observatory here said today that the comet which has been flashing through the southern skies for the last week appeared to be keeping pace with the sun and that there would be sufficient data by the week-end to plot its path. It might be possible then to say definitely whether or not it was new. The nucleus appeared to be growing fainter, he said, but the tail remained strong.—Reuter.

HENLEY REGATTA

London, Dec. 15. The Henley Royal Regatta, 1948, will take place on June 30, July 1, 2 and 3. This was fixed at the annual meeting of the Regatta Stewards.—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 16. The United States atomic weapon proving ground in the remote Pacific will provide opportunity for the first field test of radioactive poison warfare.

Because secrecy surrounding the project is of the same high order as that for the atomic bomb and bacterial warfare, military officials are not in a position to say how far research has progressed nor talk of any planned tests.

However, any work done on this new test explosions of atomic bombs. In this connection, it is noted that almost a year and a half have elapsed since the last A-Bomb was detonated at Bikini. The two bombs exploded then were of approximately the power of the first three detonated in New Mexico, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Their nuclear efficiency, by official statement, was of very low order. They utilized only one-tenth of one percent of the fissionable material in the bomb.

In recent months, there have been reports that some nuclear physicists working on military



The Pacific atoll of Eniwetok has been selected as the site of an elaborate "atomic testing ground" by the United States Government. This aerial view was made after a U.S. Navy bombing assault on the island on February 21st, 1946. (APPhoto)

son other than the bomb itself. Lack of a testing ground, safely removed from populated areas, presumably has been the major factor.

Contamination

Eniwetok atoll, in the Marshall Island group, will provide this.

The Atomic Energy Commission, taking care to be no more specific than to mention "atomic weapons," notes that the atoll is isolated, with "hundreds of miles of open seas in the direction in which winds might carry radioactive particles."

Scientists have suggested a variety of means for contaminating an area—and populations—with the silent, invisible but deadly death of radioactivated material. Included have been oil spray, dust and other carrying agents, easily carried by the wind, activity produced as a by-product of an atomic energy plant. Such agents could be removed easily by the action of rain or by the action of wind.

While Eniwetok will be used for what the commission describes as a "wide range" of experiments, immediate interest

application of atomic energy have asked for new tests to use as a check against their pencil and paper computations, indicating that progress has been made in bettering the efficiency rate of the bomb.

The recent formal announcement by the commission that construction has started on installations at Eniwetok may be viewed as a decision to let the bomb makers conduct the desired check on their progress.—Associated Press.

Symbolism Offends Congregation

Munich, Dec. 16. Stained glass portraits of the "Nazi's Holy Trinity"—Hitler, Goering and Goebbels—executed by St. Castulus, are to be removed from St. Martin's Catholic Church at Landshut, Bavaria. The Archbishop of Munich has asked the military government to remove them. The church, which represents Hitler as the saviour, and his two Nazi assistants taking the place of the Holy Trinity, has aroused a storm of protest from "outraged" churchgoers since 1946 when it first appeared in the church.—Reuter.

Doctors Petition On Mercy Killings

NEW YORK, DEC. 16. IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY THAT MORE THAN 1,000 PHYSICIANS HAVE SIGNED A PETITION ASKING THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO LEGALIZE VOLUNTARY DEATH FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASE.

The physicians demanded, in a petition sent to all legislators, that euthanasia be brought into the open and "safeguarded against abuse."

They said many incurable sufferers now sought release by suicide and others were "secretly put out of their misery by relatives who can no longer stand the sight of their pain and who are willing to render themselves liable to the penalty for murder."

The physicians proposed a plan under which euthanasia would be authorized by the court which, on receipt of a signed petition from the sufferer, would appoint a medical committee to investigate and make a recommendation.—United Press.

Pope Puts On Six Pounds

Vatican City, Dec. 16. Pope Pius XII was reported by a high Vatican source today to be in improved health as a result of his prolonged stay at Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer residence.

Denying rumours that the Pontiff's health was poor, the source said that on the contrary the quiet surroundings and country air at Castel Gandolfo had proved highly beneficial. He said the Pope had gained six pounds during his four months' stay.—Associated Press.

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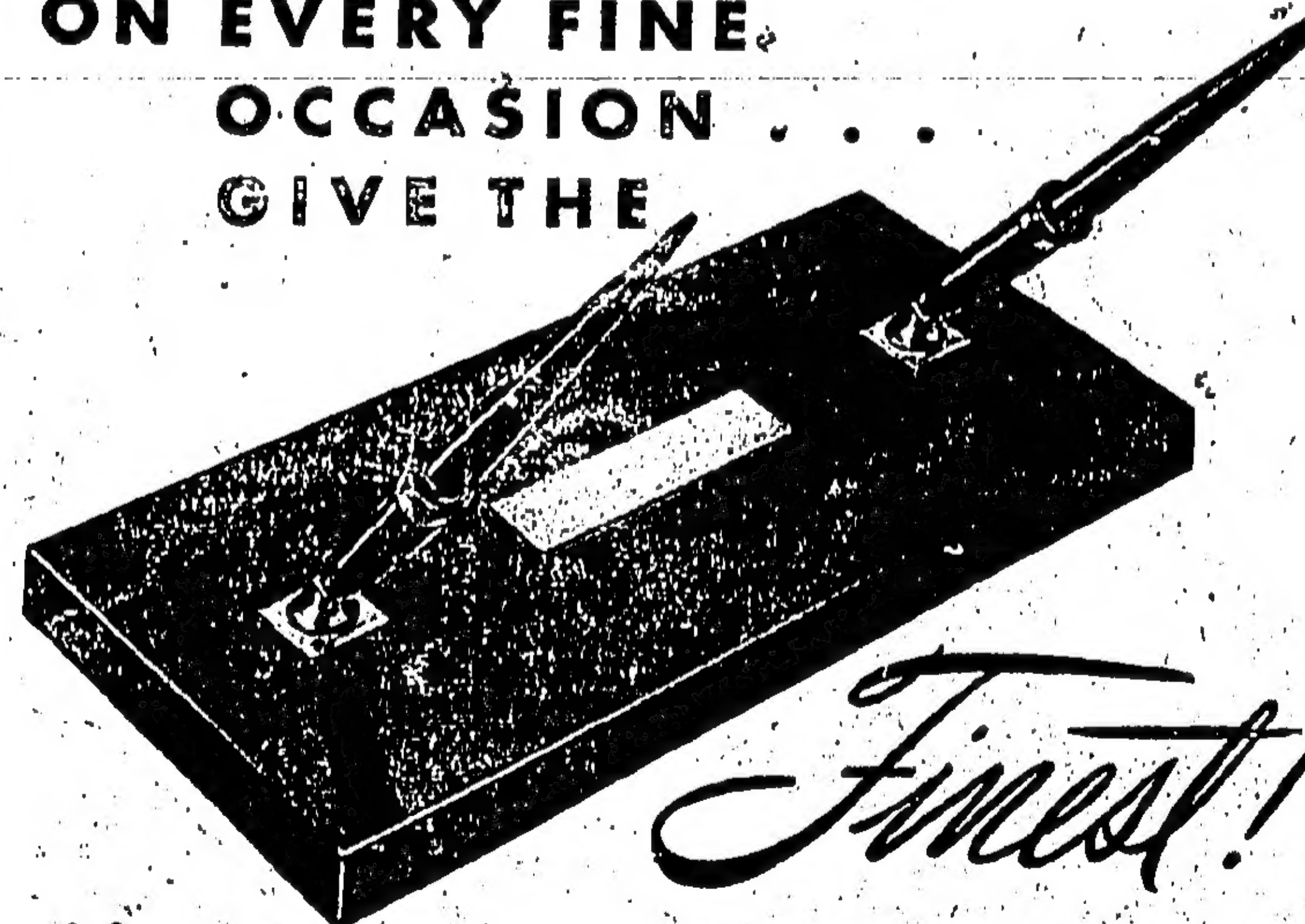
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British Troops Leaving



Taken only a few days ago, this picture is of a pillaged street in the commercial centre of Jerusalem. Arab mobs, infuriated by the Palestine "Partition Plan," looted and burned Jewish shops which lined this road. (A.P. Photo)

Jewish Guard Takes Over Duties In Several Districts

Jerusalem, Dec. 15. British forces are expected to have completed their scheduled withdrawal from the Jewish areas of Tel-Aviv, Ramat Gan and Petah Tsigva by midnight tonight, it was officially stated here.

A 500-strong force of Jewish civil guard—the Mishmar Haam—will begin taking over security duties tomorrow in this area, a quadrangle in which roughly two-thirds of the Palestine Jewish population lives.

This Jewish force will also be responsible for policing five Arab villages, with a population of 5,000 in the area. A solitary British armoured car is guarding the former security stronghold at Sarona, on Tel-Aviv's boundaries, most British police having already withdrawn to the "No Man's Land" between Tel-Aviv and Arab Jaffa.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew in this restless area between the two cities is still being enforced by British troops.

Bazaar Rumours

Rumours sweeping the bazaar of Jerusalem's Old City today reported the secret return to Palestine of Abdul Khader Husayni, a kinsman of the exiled Mufti and a former Arab guerrilla leader in the 1937 disturbances. He was here, the rumours said, to organize active Arab resistance to the partition of the country.

Haganah Claim

The Jewish defence organization, Haganah, claimed today to have destroyed an Arab forward defence position and to have inflicted casualties when gun duels between Arabs and Jews south of Holon, in the Jaffa district, were renewed this morning.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Jewish Agency announced today that the demand for the immediate withdrawal of the Arab Legion, if not from all Palestine, then to Arab areas in the Holy Land, will be made by its representatives in Jerusalem, London and Washington within the next 24 hours, following the killing yesterday by Arab Legion troops of 12 Jews and the wounding of 10 others.

From Cairo, Reuter reports that Arab League leaders including the Secretary-General, Azzam Pasha, and the Mufti of Jerusalem, met there for two hours today. The delegates declined to make any statement after the meeting, from which the Premiers of Transjordan and Iraq were absent.—Reuter.

NIMITZ RESIGNS

Washington, Dec. 15. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, wartime commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, resigned from his post as Chief of Naval Operations today after 42 years in the U.S. Navy. Admiral Nimitz left Washington for San Francisco, where he will be stationed as a special adviser to Mr. John L. Sullivan, the Secretary for the Navy.—Reuter.

STAGE CLUB

This week there will be two evening meetings for forthcoming productions: tonight at 8:30 for the "Ugly Duckling," a radio play to be produced by Bill Cole, and on Friday at 8:30 for the new stage play, a comedy with a large cast to be produced by Harold Obitas. Both of these meetings will be held at the Missions to Seamen (next to the China Fleet Club) and all interested are cordially invited to attend.

Italian Cabinet Reshuffle

ROME, DEC. 15. SIGNOR RANDOLFO RACIARDI AND SIGNOR GIUSEPPE SARAGAT, LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICANS AND RIGHT WING SOCIALISTS, RESPECTIVELY, HAVE JOINED SIGNOR LUIGI EINAUDI AS ITALIAN VICE-PREMIERS IN THE EXPECTED RESHUFFLE OF SIGNOR ALCEIDE DE GASPERI'S CABINET.

Signor Cipriano Faichinetti (Republican) becomes Minister of Defence; Signor Ludovico Davigona (right wing Socialist) Minister of Post and Telecommunications; and Signor Roberto Tremelloni (right wing Socialist) Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The present Minister of Defence, Signor Mario Cingolani, and the present Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Signor Umberto Merlini, have been dropped from the Cabinet, but the Christian Democrat, Signor Giuseppe Togni, lately Minister for Industry and Commerce, remains in the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio.

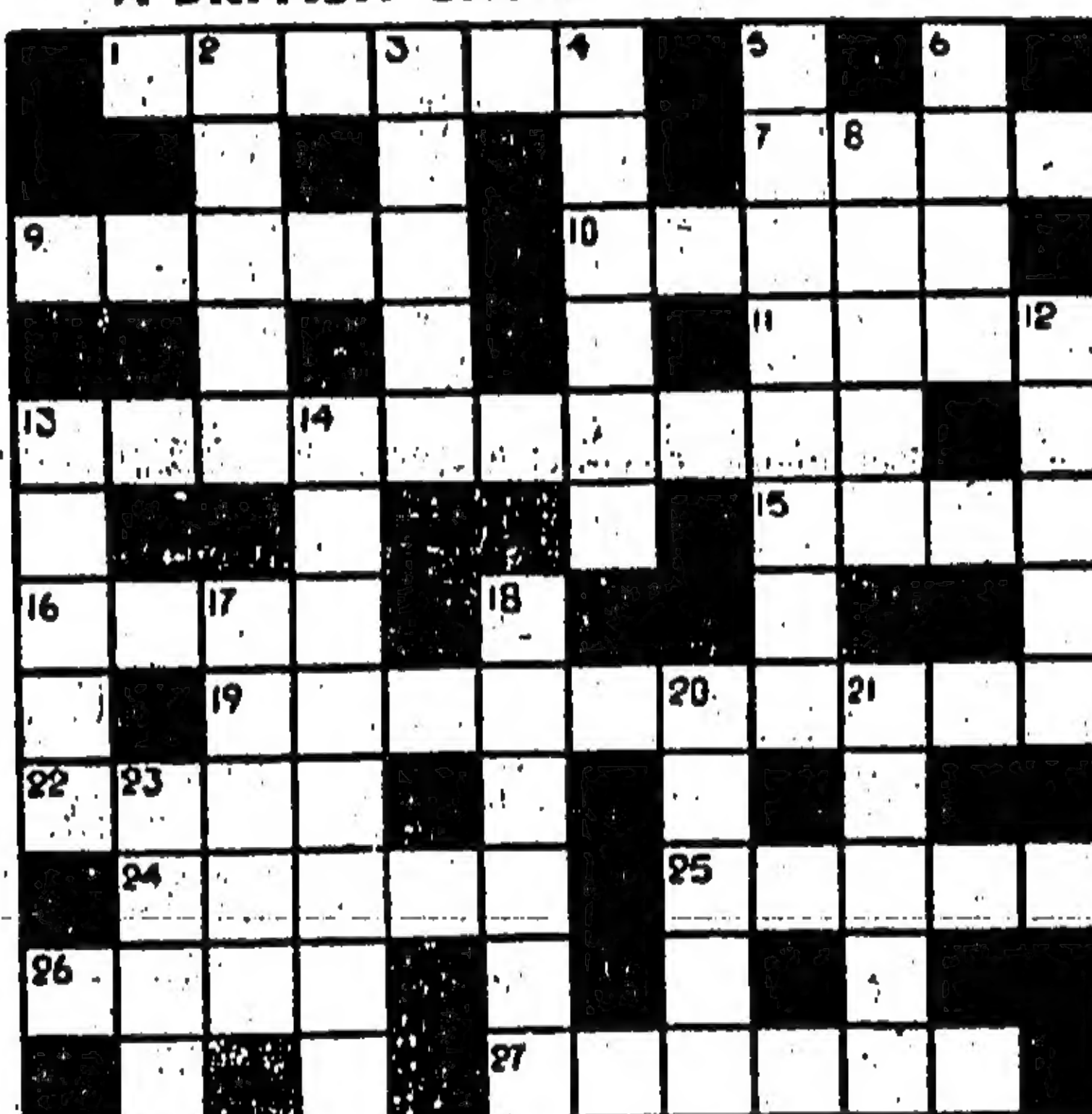
The new Ministers will be sworn in tonight by the President of the Republic, Signor Enrico de Nicola, after the Prime Minister has announced the new Ministers to the National Assembly.

It was understood here that one of the first things to be decided by the new Cabinet, which will have the support of 320 out of the Assembly's 650 Deputies, will be the postponement of the forthcoming general elections from March 7 next year to April 4.—Reuter.

Trafficking In Bonds

Paris, Dec. 15. Twelve persons have been detained after black market trafficking in bonds, the Ministry of Interior announced tonight. At least \$100,000 is involved. Among persons detained is "an American, Herbert Zweig, 29-year-old member of the United States War Department," the Ministry added.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Frightened.
7 Feeling.
9 Twitter.
10 Flower.
11 Climb.
13 Statue.
15 Office.

Clues Down

2 Hang on.
3 Drive back.
4 Substitute.
5 Get better.
6 Trifle.
8 Suppose.
12 Come in.
13 Souvenir.
14 Inconvenient.
17 Ascend.
18 Thrashen.
20 Wanderer.
21 Banish.
23 Vegetate.

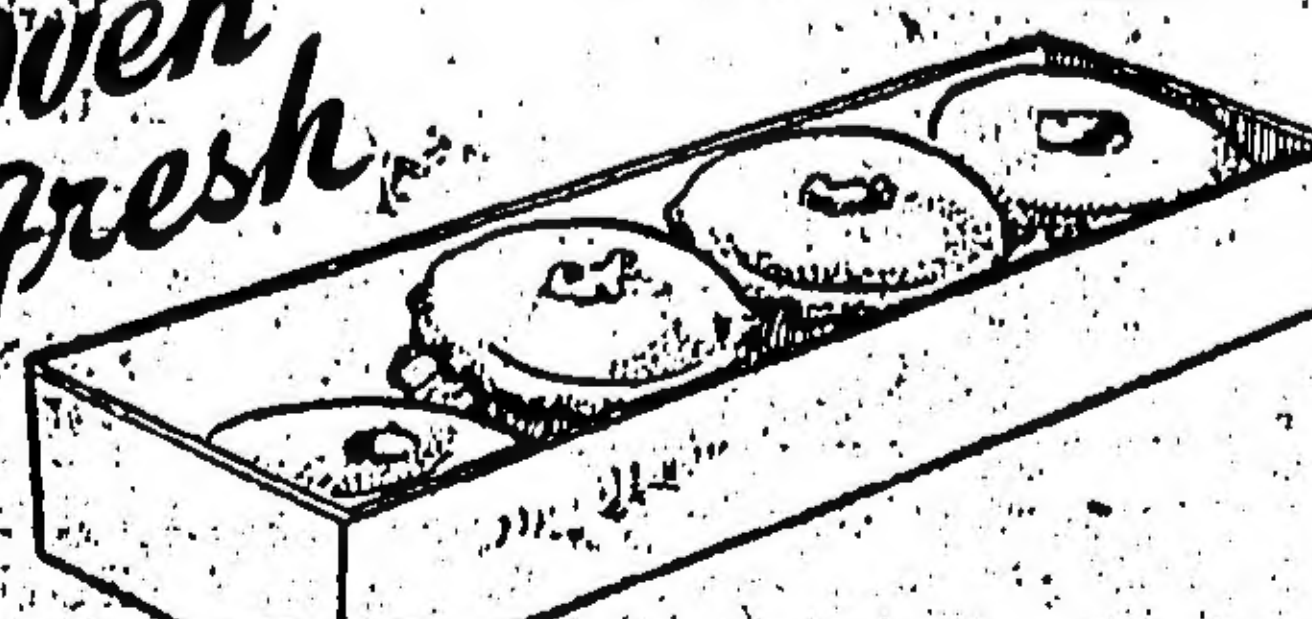
Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Remiss, 4 Psalm, 7 Tedium, 8 Signs, 10 Roar, 12 Humiles, 15 Tenor, 16 Lili, 17 Eton, 19 Onset, 20 Directs, 21 Seam, 23 Tact, 24

Mirage, 25 Verge, 26 Reverse. Down: 1 Returned, 2 Mediator, 3 Sour, 5 Swindles, 6 Lintel, 9 Turns, 11 Renewing, 12 Booth, 13 Literate, 14 Stamped, 16 Tirade, 22 File.

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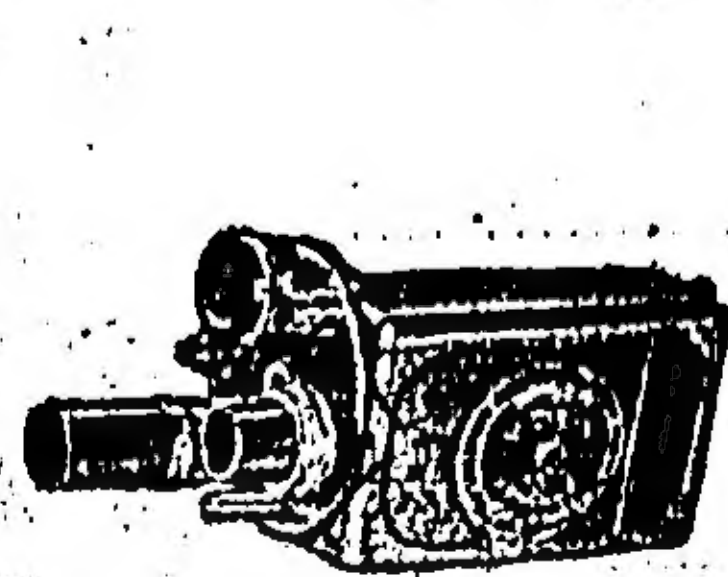
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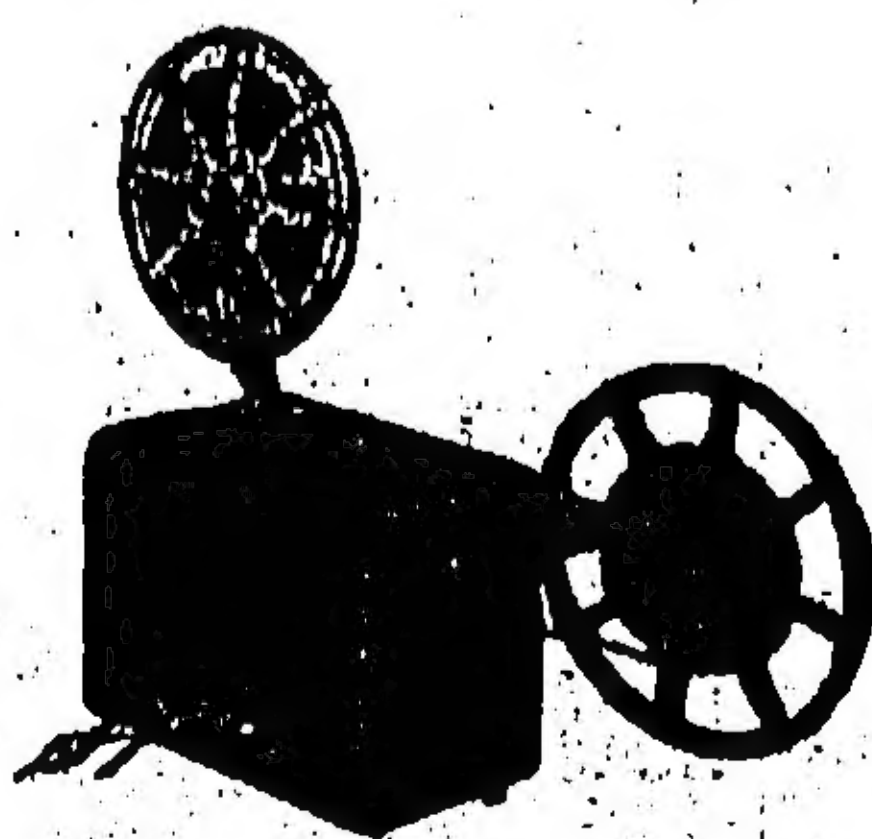
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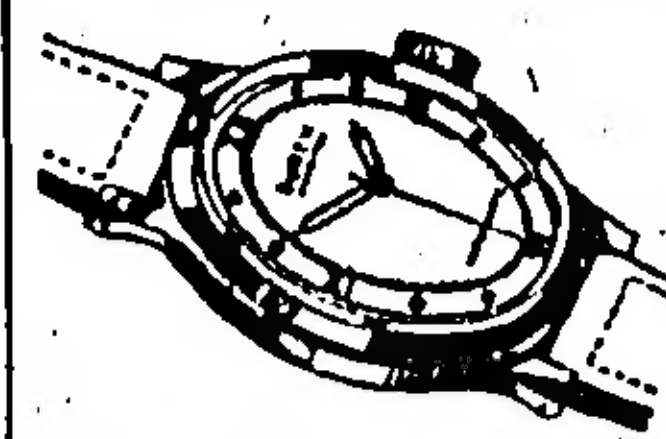
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KANE WINS VERDICT

FOOD GIFTS FOR BRITISH ATHLETES

London, Dec. 15. An offer from Vancouver to supply 30 food parcels each week for the British Olympic track and field "possibles" has been accepted. A list of the recipients has been drawn up and the first parcels are expected to arrive in a few weeks. The Amateur Athletic Board's list of possible numbers nearly 200.

F.A. CUP: HOLDERS AT HOME

London, Dec. 15. The F.A. Cup Third Round draw has produced a great match for the Cup holders, Charlton Athletic, for they receive Newcastle United, the glamorous Second Division promotion hunters whom Charlton beat in the semi-finals at Leeds last season by 4-0.

Barnley defeated the finalists in April and should make a good start in their effort to go one better this time for they are at home to Third Division opposition in Aldershot or Swindon.

The draw has favoured big clubs, for only two of the 32 ties does a First Division side clash, Aston Villa and Grimsby being at home to Manchester United and Everton, respectively.

This means that it is possible for 20 First League clubs to survive to the fourth round.

Altogether 13 First Division sides have ground advantage. Ambitious Colchester United, the only non-league club definitely in the Third Round, have drawn First Division opponents in Huddersfield, a game which should give them a chance to prove themselves worthy of League status.—Reuter.

London Treasures Set A Problem

London, Dec. 15. Disposal of the treasures of the old India Office in Whitehall, which include rare manuscripts, pictures by famous artists, and relics, records and furniture of the East India Company will be discussed in London by a British, India and Pakistan Governments fact-finding committee.

Sir David Montagu, formerly Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the India Office, will preside over the committee, which will prepare a statement of the contents of the building.

ARMY TENNIS

The final of the Army Open Singles Knock-out Tennis Tournament will take place at Flagstaff House, at 3 p.m. today. The finalists are, Lt. Col. J.R. Flinders-Bennett, M.C., Royal Tank Regiment, and 2/Lt. J. Newton, Royal Artillery.

By kind permission of the G.O.C. Land Forces, Maj. Gen. G.W.E.J. Erskine CB, DSO, anyone wishing to see the match may enter the grounds of Flagstaff House for the purpose.

The officials are: Umpire—Lt. Col. M.C.D.L. Reynolds O.B.E.; Linesmen—Major R.D. Coote, Capt. R.G.E. Tibble, S.Q.M.S. V.J. Merry, A.N. Other.

CANTABS WIN

London, Dec. 16. Rugby Union Match: Northampton 11, Cambridge University 17.—Reuter.

Edited and published for the proprietor, The Newspaper Enterprise, by WALTER JAMES KAYE, Hong Kong.

Retains Bantam Championship

Manchester, Dec. 15. Peter Kane retained his bantamweight title by outpointing Joe Cornelius of Belgium over 15 rounds here tonight.

Kane seemed to use the ear for rounds for sizing up his opponent, whom he had outpointed over a shorter distance in a non-title fight earlier this year. Once or twice the Belgian was warned for not hitting with a close glove but often Cornelius with skillful use of his left hand had Kane guessing. Cornelius covered up cleverly to evade Kane's best punches and was always willing to come back after Kane had a bout of attacking. In fact the Belgian's counter-punching after taking blows that threatened damage, amazed the crowd who warmly applauded Cornelius.

Little Doubt

As the fight progressed, however, there was little doubt that Kane was ahead on points and always doing enough to earn the verdict providing Cornelius did not get in a knockout. Not one knockdown was registered during the fight. Some of the onlookers held the opinion that Cornelius did enough to earn the decision, but referee Peter Muir no doubt was influenced by the fact that Kane did nearly all the forcing and when he did land a punch it was crispier than those of his opponent.

During the first two rounds Kane was forced to miss with some right counters and Cornelius scored in the third with lefts at short range. Neither landed really telling blows in the first four rounds but in the fifth Kane landed one to the stomach and head.

Early in the sixth Kane's head was knocked back and in countering he found the Belgian's defence sound. The Belgian rushed Kane to the ropes with two-listed attacks towards the end of this round and in the next surprised Kane by fighting back when Kane tried to crowd the Belgian. There were really no heavy blows landed, however, but in the ninth Kane really shook Cornelius with a right uppercut and in the tenth Kane was fighting better than previously though he was still unable to force his way through the Belgian's guard.

Patersen Wins

In the last few rounds, however, Kane was more successful and landed several times with both hands.

In the fourteenth he landed three times with his left and Cornelius appeared worried but he lasted out the fifteenth round by the effective use of long lefts which poked into Kane's face.

In another fight here, Jackie Paterson, world, British Empire and British flyweight champion, beat Al Chavez, Mexican-American from California, on points over ten rounds.

Both men weighed in at eight stone four pounds.—Reuter.

Weathermen In The Antarctic

LONDON, DEC. 15. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. ARTHUR CREECH JONES, TODAY ATTENDED THE RENAMING CEREMONY OF THE 1,200-TON SHIP JOHN BISCOE, WHICH, ON THURSDAY, WILL SAIL FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WITH A PARTY OF 25 SCIENTISTS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS.

The expedition belongs to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, established in 1943, to explore the snow-bound islands and Antarctic mainland.

Formerly a naval vessel, the John Biscoe has had her broad bow and wooden hull specially strengthened and is equipped with quicklifting winches for journeying through pack ice to reach British meteorological stations in the Antarctic.

Men have volunteered for one or two years' exile in the world's most isolated weather stations where they will relieve others who have already completed their time at points scattered hundreds of miles apart in the Antarctic and Graham's Land.—Reuter.

Carol Concert At University

For many years before the outbreak of the Pacific War, the University of Hong Kong Christian Association held an annual Carol Concert on the Sunday preceding Christmas, which had become quite a national feature in the Colony. (With the re-establishment of the University, the Association has decided to restart these Concerts, and the first post-war Concert will be held next Sunday, Dec. 21, at 9.15 p.m. in the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium. This building is situated behind the Main Building and can be approached either from Bonham and Pokfulam Roads, or from Lyttelton Road.

The concert will consist of carols by the choir, interspersed with community singing. It is hoped that on this occasion of the revival of a good custom there will be a large turn out to enjoy this fitting commencement of Christmas week.

There will be a collection, the proceeds of which, after meeting necessary expenditure, will be equally divided between the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind.

Y.M.C.A. DEBATE

A debate on "that there should be limit to free speech" was held at the European Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon last night and was well attended. The vote was even, the Chairman not casting the deciding vote. Proposer of the motion was Mr. F.E. Skinner and the opposer, Major E. A. Ople.

CLUB RUGGER

The team to represent the Club in the "friendly" Rugby game against the Newcomb on Club ground today, at 5 p.m. will be chosen from the following: N. Watt, E.J.G. Gauntlett, A.J. Dodd, L.R. Birch, R. Tattam, T. Morgan, E.J. Brown, A.J.G. Taylor, R. Thompson, T. Bowman, J. Henderson, J. Schuler, Evans, J. Small and others.



Johnny Morris (left), Manchester United's inside right, leaps high and beats John Harris (Chelsea's centre half, captain) to the ball, during a duel for the ball in front of the Chelsea goal. Chelsea won 4-0. (A Photo)

ARAB MILITARY TALKS ON BATTLE PLANS

Cairo, Dec. 16.

Highly secret Arab military talks regarding action in Palestine have been held in Cairo during the past three days.

The talks, which ended today, drew up "battle plans" for the Palestine Arabs in the light of the assistance pledged by the Arab League States.

Emir Feisal, of Saudi Arabia, was absent from tonight's meeting owing to a slight cold. The talks were conducted by a secret military committee appointed by the League Council. No communiqué was issued.

The Egyptian newspaper Akbar El Yom today claimed that a British plan "for the settlement of all differences between Britain and the Arab world" was being brought here by air from London by General Nuri Es Said Pasha, President of the Iraqi Chamber and former Iraqi Premier.

The plan, the paper said, was "based on proposals by British policy makers" and was being considered by the British Foreign Office.

Anglo-Arab Talks?

The proposals were for a general settlement by the conciliation of all outstanding problems between Britain and the Arabs in Egypt, the Sudan, Libya, Transjordan, Iraq, North Africa and Palestine—the latter being "key to an understanding"—the paper said.

Saying that Nuri Pasha would submit his plan to the heads of

the Arab Governments now attending the League Council talks here, Akbar El Yom added: "It is understood that if the plan is accepted in principle by the Arab leaders now in Cairo, an Anglo-Arab round table conference will be held."

Reinforcing that Britain has lost her lead among the big powers, the paper added: "It appears that the only way for her to play the role of a big powerful friendship, particularly the friendship of the Arab world."—Reuter.

Po Piu Lottery Sentence

A large scale Po Piu lottery was unearthed in the heart of the city on Dec. 14, when the Police acting on information raided the second floor of 45A, Queen's Road Central, and found in the rear cubicle 6,470 Po Piu tickets of a face value of \$5,480.

Before Mr. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday appeared Chan San (40), occupier of the cubicle, and Chan Tsu (35) and Chan Man-kwong (21) on charges of keeping a common gaming house, writing lottery tickets and possession.

They all pleaded guilty but said they were only fclis employed in writing the tickets. A fine of \$150 or two months' hard labour in default was imposed on each accused, and the lottery tickets ordered destroyed.

Det. Sub-Inspector Lowe prosecuted.

CHINA MERCHANTS CELEBRATE

Celebrating the Company's 75th Anniversary, the Directors of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company gave a cocktail party at the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel last night.

Heads of various government departments and shipping companies were present and toasts were drunk to the success of the Company.

Ex-Internees In Shanghai Bitter

London, Dec. 16.

The feeling in Shanghai against the repayment of the \$1 a week allowed to British subjects in Shanghai while interned during the war was referred to in the House of Commons today by Mr. Edward Teeling, Conservative.

He asked why over 500 of these notices had been issued and why the money could not be recovered as reparations from the Japanese in the peace treaty.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the notices requested the refund of advances made by the protecting power as a charge on British funds against the undertakings to repay.

YACHT CLUB LEAGUE

Good Record Of The "Aitches"

The "Aitches" won 8 points in their team races at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club last Sunday and so take the head of the league from the Submarines and H.M.S. Amethyst. Despite the loss of two valuable "Aitches" during the series—Bill Hancock and John Hurden—they have completed their full fixtures with the loss of only one race out of 12—a very good record! The final races in this league series take place next Sunday, and the Challenge Cup for the winning team will be presented on December 28th after the Christmas Regatta.

The league now stands as follows:

Raced	Points
"Aitches"	22
4th S/M Flotilla	10
H.M.S. Amethyst	11
Telecoms	10
8th Destroyer Flotilla	11
H.K. Government	11
C.-in-C's Staff	9
5th Cruiser Squadron	11
Airways	9
Escort Flotilla	8

Fixtures for next Sunday are—
11 a.m. Destroyers v Airways.
11.15 a.m. Submarines v Escorts v Telecoms.
3 p.m. C.-in-C's Staff v Airways v Escorts.

Captains are especially asked to have their teams at Kellier Island on time for these events.

Christmas Regatta

Details of the Christmas Regatta have just been announced. All entries should be made to Lt. Col. Goodhart, R.N., Telephone 34121 extension 111 or on lists at the Yacht Clubhouse before Monday. The draws will be made that day and published on Christmas Eve. The events are—

Cruisers:—
Dec. 26: All day race for "Boxing-day" cup.
Dec. 28: All day championship.

14-Foot Dinghies:—
1. Open dinghy championship for a Christmas Challenge Cup—four races will be held Friday A.M. and P.M.; Saturday P.M. and Sunday P.M. Dec. 26, 27, 28. Competitors must compete in any two or more of these four races, the winner being the coxswain with the best average position. Entrance fee is \$5 for the series; with a \$2 cash sweep on each separate race.

2. Ladies' race A.M. Saturday, Dec. 27. Entrance fee \$4.
3. Sailing race for ratings only A.M. Saturday, Dec. 27. Entrance fee \$1 and sweepstake prize.

Team Race:—
A great team race in dinghies—15 each side will be held on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. between a club team and a Combined Services team. Coxswains wishing to be considered for inclusion in these teams should apply to Mr. Sedgwick (Club) or Lt. Col. Goodhart, R.N. (Services).

Whalers:—
Friday, Dec. 26 P.M.: Open Whalers combined Pulling and sailing race. No entrance fee. Sweepstake prize.
Saturday, Dec. 27 A.M.: Whaler pulling heats. P.M.: Whaler sailing race for Ratings only.

Sunday, Dec. 28 P.M.: Final of Whalers Pulling races.
Trevessa Trophy Race:—
This race will be held on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 3 p.m. Details have been circulated to all Ships' Agents; further information should be obtained from Mr. Beeding of Messrs. Jardine Matheson.

The Stars will not be raced as part of the Regatta, but if the weather is suitable the remaining events in the Star helmsman's series will be raced off so that the cup for this can be presented at the end of the Regatta.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, the Regatta prizes will be presented during cocktail hour. The Club's financial position does not yet permit the giving of a regular cocktail party and members will be expected to pay for drinks for themselves and their guests. The Club will, however, provide canapes and it is hoped that members will turn out in numbers with their guests to make a fine Regatta a gala event. Supper and musical entertainment will follow in keeping with the Christmas season.

Other forthcoming events at the R.H.K.Y.C. of interest to all members and their friends are the new "Bridge" evenings and, of course, the opening dance in the reconstructed ballroom. The Club has scheduled an evening of bridge for Thursday, from 8.30 p.m. Several tables are already arranged and it is hoped that all members, who are interested in bridge, will lend their support.

The first event will merely be a pairs tournament in which teams of two play ordinary rubber bridge, the winners of a rubber moving to another table and playing the losers there. The pair with the highest total score wins. It is not actually necessary to come in pairs or four, but it will assist if, wherever possible, entrants arranged for their own partners.

There will be a suitable prize for the winning pair and if sufficient interest is shown regular tournaments will be arranged for both rubber and duplicate bridge. At 5.30 p.m. and will return at 8.30 p.m. for those who wish to do so. If some care to stay on for dinner and more bridge, that can also be arranged.

The official opening of the reconstructed ballroom and library on the top floor is to be marked by a really

FATHER OF 10 AT 88

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 16. Luis Carrizales, 88, today passed out cigars to celebrate the birth of his tenth child.

It was the third child in three years for Carrizales, who attributes his health to a steady diet of red peppers.

The hospital said that the baby girl and the mother, Mary, 23, were "doing fine."—United Press.

Yugoslavs Denounce Agreement

LONDON, DEC. 15. BRITAIN HAS RECEIVED A YUGOSLAV NOTE DENOUNCING THE ANGLO-YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT OF LAST SEPTEMBER FOR THE REPATRIATION OF YUGOSLAV COLLABORATORS.

Mr. Charles Peake, British Ambassador in Belgrade, informed M. Stanoje Simic, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, that the British Government had received no prior indication from Yugoslavia of dissatisfaction with the execution of the agreement.

A spokesman today could not confirm reports from Austria that despite Yugoslavia's action Britain would continue to carry out her share of the agreement.—Reuter.

STARS

Bellefleur (Cheltenham)	2,40.17
Astar (Cheltenham)	2,54.20
Deneb (Cheltenham)	2,47.15
Polaris (Cheltenham)	2,57.10
Astar (Barnes)	2,57.10
Black Swan (Barnes)	2,57.10
Deneb (Cheltenham)	2,57.10
Bellefleur (Cheltenham)	2,57.10
Polaris (Cheltenham)	2,57.10

OTHER RACES

(Saturday, Dec. 13)

Gambia I (Goodhart)	1,21.15
Theresa I (Homes Mrs. Homes)	1,25.45
Theresa III (Greaves)	1,25.10
Theresa II (Manning)	1,25.10
Duke of York I (Morgan)	1,41.30
Gambia II (Smith P) Miss P. Leachy	2,04.15
Theresa I (Key)	2,10.08
Black (Cheltenham)	2,10.08
Theresa II (Cheltenham)	1,59.30
Theresa I (Cheltenham)	2,05.12
Burmada (Manning)	2,05.12
Commodore II (Wright)	2,10.50
Duke of York II (Wright)	2,10.50
Cele Chiffon (T.C. Jones)	2,13.55
Gambia VI (D. Leachy)	2,13.55
Commodore I (Hutchinson)	2,13.55
Gambia I (Hutchinson)	2,13.55

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